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15.	Smt. Raksha, wife	HAV Raj Kumar	LPG	Jhandutta
16.	Smt. Promila Devi, wife	N/SUB Khem Chand	RO	Dhrampur
17.	Shri Nand Ram, father	RFN Shyam Singh	LPG	Chopal
18.	Smt. Sudershana Devi, wife	RFN Rakesh Kumar	LPG	Indora
19.	Smt. Shanti Devi, mother	RFN Ashok Kumar	LPG	Fatehpur
20.	Smt. Dhani Devi, wife	HAV Krishan Chand	LPG	Chelchowk
21.	Smt. Kiran Kumari, wife	RFN Parveen Kumar	RO	Tehliwal

Reservation for Women in Allotment of Petrol Pumps and LPG Agencies

†876. SHRIMATI SAROJ DUBEY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are going to provide reservation to women in allotment of petrol pumps and LPG agencies;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI E. PONNUSWAMY): (a) to (c) As per the existing **policy guidelines for** selection of dealers/ distributors of petroleum products, 33% dealerships/distributorships in each category are reserved for women belonging to that category. Other things being equal, widows and unmarried women above 40 years of age without earning parents are given priority over others in all categories.

Inter-State Sale of Furnace Oil/LDO

877. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that recently all oil companies have decided not to affect inter-State sale of furnace Oil/LDO at concessional rate of Central Sale Tax;

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(b) whether it is also a fact that a large number of rerolling mills who depend primarily on furnace oil for running their units would suffer thoroughly because of the exorbitant cost involved; and

(c) Whether Government are contemplating any other steps to help in the suffering of rolling mills on account of this decision?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI E. PONNUSWAMY): (a) to (c) The oil marketing PSUs had been advised by the Ministry to stop inter-State supply of all petroleum products by road across State borders as sales tax evasion was being allegedly resorted to by some customers.

The Ministry and the oil companies received representations from different industries, industrial/commercial confederations/associations and some Departments of Governament of India. The Government have considered the representations and the oil marketing PSUs have been advised to restore Inter-State road supplies to all genuine customers which *inter-alia* include Export Oriented Units, customers in Union Territories where oil companies have no storage facilities and such customers are supplied from the nearest depot in adjoining States. In addition Government consumers like Railways, Defence and Public Sector Undertaking like Steel, Coal, Power etc. as well as Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)/ Agreement customers have been exempted from the above restrictions.

Fire in Mathura Refinery

878. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a major fire broke out in the oil water sewage system of the Mathrura Refinery recently;

(b) if so, the total loss suffered by the refinery as a result thereof;

(c) whether Government have since ascertained the cause of the incident: and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by Government to check recurrence of such incidents in future?

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